on the national security and formulate Plans for defence preparedness.

Setting up of new Defence Units

1238. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the year-wise target set for the production of defence equipment during the 8th Five Year Plan;

(b) the progress made so far;

(c) whether Government propose to set up some new Defence Production units during the 8th Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the plans identified for Madhya Pradesh; and

(e) what are other State-wise new Defence Production units proposed to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) It would not be in the public interest to disclosed the details thereof ?

(c) and (d) There is no proposal at present to set up new defence production unit anywhere in India including Madhya Pradesh.

(e) Does not arise.

युद्ध में मारे गए सैनिकों की विधवाओं के लिए पुनर्वास केन्द्र

1239. **श्री गोपालसिंह जी. सोलंकी** : क्या **रक्षा** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) युद्ध में मारे गए सैनिकों की विधवाओं के लिए गुजरात में किन-किन स्थानों पर पुनर्वास केन्द्र स्थापित किए गए हैं;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन केन्द्रों को वर्षवार कितनी-कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई और उनके कार्य निष्पादन का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इन केन्द्रों के अव्यवस्थित कार्यकरण के संबंध में कोई शिकायतें अथवा अभ्यावेदन मिले हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) वीरगति प्राप्त सैनिकों की पत्नियों के लिए गुजरात में कोई पुनर्वास केन्द्र नहीं खोला गया है ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Budgetary Provision for LCA

1240. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the original budgetary provision for the Light Combat Aircraft Project;

(b) the expenditure incurred so far on the project and what is the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(c) what is the total foreign exchange involved on the project ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Light Combat Aircraft project was originally sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 560 crores (at 1982-83 price level).

(b) and (c) The expenditure incurred on the project upto Jan. 1993 is Rs. 513 crores. Government sanction is being sought for incurring expenditure of Rs. 2188 crores (including Rs. 873 crores in foreign exchange) for phase-I of Full Scale Engineering Development (FSED) in which two technology demonstrator aircraft will be built to prove the critical technologies and the final flight test is planned in Dec. 1996.

Arun Singh Committee Report

1241. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of January 21, 1993 under the caption 'Only perestroika can lend sting to our defence';

(b) whether the Arun Singh Committee report on defence expenditure, suggesting self reliance through modernization has been implemented, if not so the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of the report and by when it is proposed to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government has taken decisions to implement a number of recommendations of the Committee on Defence Expenditure directly relating to economy measures. These involved reduction of expenditure on manpower, FOL, transportation, rationalisation of training programmes, inventory management. Efforts towards self-reliance and modernisation are an on going process.

Recruitment of women in Indian Forces

1242. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the details of the scheme for recruitment of women in Indian Armed Forces ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : The Government have approved induction of women in :

(i) *Army* : Army Service Corps, Army Ordnance Corps, Army Education Corps, Judge Advocate General Department, Army Postal Service, Corps of Signals, Intelligence Corps, Corps of Engineers, Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, and Regiment of Artillery.

(ii) *Air Force* : Non-technical Ground Duty Branches, Navigation & Technical Branches, and Flying Pilots (transport & helicopter stream).

(iii) *Navy* : Education Branch, Law and Logistics cadres.

The induction of women is restricted to the officer cadre, on Short Service Commission basis, initially for a period of five years, except in the case of Technical Branch of Air Force, where it is for a period of three years.

Strengthening the Coast Guard Fleet

1243. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Statesman of February 4, 1993 about ISI sponsored arms flow into India;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that our Coast Guards are not properly equipped to carry out highsea interception of weapon consignments smuggled into the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 80 per cent of our fleet with the Coast Guards is outdated and usually remain out of order;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to strengthen the Coast Guard Fleet ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Coast Guard ships and aircrafts are suitably equipped to carry out high sea interception of materials attempted to be smuggled into the country.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Coast Guard ships are in a high state of operational preparedness at all times.

(e) The Coast Guard is being strengthened as per the Five Year Coast Guard Development Plans. During the Coast Guard Development Plan 1992—97, a number of ships/boats and aircraft are planned for induction into service.

Rehabilitation of Ex-servicemen

1244. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 23 thousand ex-servicemen are still unemployed in West Bengal;